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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING  
MOISTURE FROM A TEST SAMPLE**

the specification of which  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)		Priority Claimed	
		NONE	
		.....(Number)	
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